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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: A) USUN 3351, B) LAGOS 10836

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK
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CONCERNING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA:

--THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WAS RELEASED AM AUGUST 30
(SC DOCUMENT S/12827) AND IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO ABOVE
ADDRESSEES SEPTTEL;

--SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AT 1330 HOURS (LOCAL TIME) THURSDAY, AUGUST 31. SWAPO OFFICE EXPECTS PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA AND SIX OR SEVEN OTHER SWAPO MEMBERS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE AND TO ARRIVE ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY; (REF B THROWS THAT TIMING IN DOUBT.)

--AS STATED REFTTEL, AN INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 1030 THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH WILL BE TO DISCUSS TIMING FOR A FORMAL SESSION. UN UNDER SECRETARY URQUHART CALLED MCHENRY LATE TUESDAY NIGHT TO SAY THAT WALDHEIM URGENTLY NEEDED GUIDANCE WHETHER TO RETURN. MCHENRY RESPONDED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW SENSE OF URGENCY AND THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD RETURN FOR THURSDAY CONSULTATIONS. MCHENRY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DELAY IN FORMAL MEETING WAS ALMOST INEVITABLE. GROUP EXPECTS THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AND BETWEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS ON SUBSTANCE OF SYG'S REPORT WILL BEGIN THURSDAY. A FORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL ALL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP MET AM AUGUST 30 TO DISCUSS AGAIN THE DEMARCHES PROPOSED REF A. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE APPROACHES TO THE FRONTLINE, NIGERIA, GABON AND SUDAN SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE GROUP ALSO
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ELABORATED AS FOLLOWS ON THE TALKING POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE MADE WHEN PASSING THE REPORT TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS:

(A) INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY, (AUGUST 31); THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BEGIN BEFORE TUESDAY BUT THAT THE CONSULTATIVE STAGE WILL BE AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS THE FORMAL DEBATE;

(B) ENCOURAGE THEM TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND TO INSTRUCT THEIR UN MISSION TO THAT EFFECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

(C) ADVISE THEM OF THE TRAVEL PLANS OF BOTHA AND NUJOMA AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES TO NEW YORK FOR THE COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THAT SUCH REPRESENTATIVES PLAYED IN THE LAST COUNCIL SESSION ON NAMIBIA;

(D) AT THE SAME TIME EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE CONFLICTS WHICH EXIST THIS WEEK (I.E., KENYATTA'S FUNERAL AND THE FRONTLINE MEETING SEPT. 1 ON RHODESIA)

AND ADVISE THEM THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE OUR
ASSESSMENTS OF TIMING OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK.
COMMENT: OUR INTENTION IN TALKING POINTS C AND D IS TO
ENCOURAGE THE ATTENDANCE OF HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES
AS EARLY IN THE PROCESS AS THEY CAN GET HERE, WHILE AT
THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZING THAT THOSE REPRESENTATIVES MAY
NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY. THE
BRITISH ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ABOUT NOT INTERFERING
WITH THE RHODESIAN MEETING. GROUP CONSIDERED INCLUDING
ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS URGING FRONTLINE SPECIFICALLY
AGAIN TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT ON SWAPO'S PART, BUT THIS
WAS REJECTED AS IMPLICIT. (THE APPROACH IN LAGOS SHOULD BE

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ALTERED AS APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF REF B.) END COMMENT.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO THE SOUTH

AFRICANS (REF A), THE GROUP FELT THAT, DESPITE THE SCHEDULED ABSENCE FROM PRETORIA OF BOTHA AND FOURIE, AN APPROACH SHOULD STILL BE MADE IN PRETORIA TO PROVIDE THE SAG WITH THE REPORT AND TO RAISE WITH THEM THE QUESTION OF THE DATE OF ELECTIONS. (PARAGRAPH 17 OF THE SYG'S REPORT STATES THAT "AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR ELECTIONS
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WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESENT REPORT".) WE CONSIDERED ALSO RAISING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS THEIR LIKELY OBJECTION TO THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY SECTION OF UNTAG -- 7,500 (INCLUDING LOGISTICS) IN THE SYG'S REPORT -- BUT DECIDED AGAINST IT. IF THE QUESTION ARISES, HOWEVER, THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE IS SIMPLY THAT, IN ACCEPTING THE FIVE'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY PORTION OF UNTAG WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL. IT WAS NEVER REPEAT NEVER ACCEPTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD BE CONSULTED ON THE QUESTION OF SIZE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE TO BE CONSULTED ON COMPOSITION BUT WITHOUT RIGHT OF VETO.

4. THE DRAFT TALKING POINTS, APPROVED BY THE CONTACT GROUP AD REFERENDUM, FOR USE ORALLY WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS FOLLOW SEPTEL. THE APPROACH TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE TALKING POINTS WILL ALSO BE USED IN NEW YORK WITH BOTHA AND FOURIE. LEONARD

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